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Sir:

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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the enclosed International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER), dated May 20, 2005, that was issued in International Application No. PCT/US03/04653. The U.S. counterpart of that International application claims priority to the subject application.



The IPER cites U.S. Patent No. 6,793,127 (Alsafadi et al.) and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0216969 (Bauer at al.). Each of these documents was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in the subject application and is, therefore, not being cited herein.

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CONCLUSION

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